

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 12 and amend claims 1, 8, 13, 15 and 20 as set forth in the complete listing below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A multi-functional fishing accessory comprising:
a work surface, said work surface comprising a flat plate member, and a pair of support panels attached to an underside of the work surface and extending downward therefrom in a spaced relation;
one or more fishing rod support tubes each for maintaining a fishing rod in a substantially upright position;
~~means for maintaining said plate member in a horizontal position; and~~
at least one strap slidably connected through said fishing rod support tube(s) and through the pair of support panels for connecting around a vertical member and thereby ~~means for~~ detachably attaching said work surface and said one or more support tubes to a said vertical member.

2.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 1, wherein said work surface further comprises two side wall members fixedly attached to said plate member and a back wall member fixedly attached to said plate member and said side wall members.

3.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 2, wherein an edge of each of said two side wall members is angled.

4.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 2, wherein said work surface further comprises a plurality of drainage openings.

5.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 4, wherein said plurality of drainage openings is formed by a plurality of cut-out sections in said back wall member along an edge fixedly attached to said plate member.

6.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 2, wherein said plate member, said two side wall members, and said back wall member are fabricated of a rigid, plastic resin.

7.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 6, wherein said rigid, plastic resin is a propylene polymer.

8.(Currently Amended) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 1, wherein each of said one or more fishing rod support tubes comprises a cylindrical section closed at one end by

an end cap and two loops fixedly attached to the external surface of said cylindrical section in a laterally aligned orientation.

9.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 8, wherein said end cap is formed with an opening for drainage purposes.

10.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 8, wherein said cylindrical section and said end cap are fabricated of a plastic resin.

11.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 8, wherein each of said two loops is fabricated of nylon.

12.(Canceled)

13.(Currently Amended) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 11 ~~12~~, wherein each of said ~~one or more~~ pair of support panels is hingedly attached to said ~~plate member~~ work surface.

14.(Currently Amended) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 13 ~~12~~,

wherein said one or more support panels are fabricated of a rigid plastic.

15.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 14, wherein said rigid plastic is PVC.

16.(Currently Amended) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 1 ~~12~~, wherein said at least one strap further comprises ~~means for detachably attaching said work surface, said one or more support tubes, and said one or more support panels to a vertical member comprises a~~ plurality of straps.

17.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 16, wherein each of said plurality of straps comprises;

a buckle defining a first end; and

a second end configured for insertion into said buckle;

whereby said strap is adjusted in length to detachably attach said multi-functional fishing accessory to said vertical member.

18.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 16, wherein each of said plurality of straps is fabricated of nylon.

19.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 16, wherein said plurality of straps is slidably attached to said work surface and each of said one or more support panels.

20.(Originally Presented) The multi-functional fishing accessory according to claim 8 ~~16~~, wherein said plurality of straps ~~is~~ are each slidably attached to ~~each of~~ said one or more support tubes through a corresponding one of said two loops.